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BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1959.



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BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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VICE CHAIRMAN - Councillor T.S. Wright.

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The work of the Health Department is administered by the following Committees:-

1. SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor S. Morton, M.B.E., J.P.,
VICE CHAIRMAN - Councillor D.A. Findley, T.D.,

The Committee comprises the whole Council and is responsible inter alia for the refuse and night soil collection services, for rodent control and all water supply and sewerage schemes.

2. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor A. Pennington.
VICE CHAIRMAN - Councillor W. Baldwin.

The Committee comprises the whole Council and is responsible for all public health matters except the services administered by the Special Services Committee.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Divisional Health Office,
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BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Dunham Mount,
Dunham Road,
ALTRINCHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bucklow Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1959.

The vital statistics are very satisfactory and are no doubt influenced by the influx of population, particularly at Partington where Manchester Corporation are developing an overspill estate.

Live births increased by 42 to 230 which is the highest figure for any year since 1935. In that year, which was prior to a drastic revision of the boundaries of the rural district, the population was double the present figure. Records are available of birth rates for each year from 1915 and the crude birth rate has never been higher.

Deaths decreased by 7 to 107, the lowest figure since 1950 and the crude death rate is lower than for any year since 1930 when the population of the district was 29,000.

There was a very low incidence of infectious disease.

I would like to express my appreciation of the interest shown by members in the work of the Health Department and of the courtesy extended to me at all times by the Council's Officers.

I am Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

DONALD LONGBOTTOM

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of District in Acres.....	46,103
Registrar General's estimate of home population (mid year)	12,490
Population (1951 Census)	11,170
Number of inhabited houses according to rate books	3,720
Rateable Value	£260,963
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,100

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
Total Live Births	230	188
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 living	18.4	16.0
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 living	18.6	16.8
General Birth Rate (England & Wales)	16.5	15.7
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	3.9%	4.6%
Total Still Births	7	6
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	29.5	30.9
Total Live and Still Births	237	194
Deaths of infants under 1 year	10	6
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 live births	43.5	32
Legitimate " " " legitimate live births	40.7	33.5
Illegitimate " " " illegitimate live births	111	Nil
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	10.7	26.6
Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	10.7	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	46.4	-
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	107	114
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 living	8.5	9.7
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 living	9.8	10.3
General Death Rate (England & Wales)	11.6	11.7
Deaths from Tuberculosis	Nil	1
Deaths from Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	13	14
Deaths from Accidents	6	10

The population figure given by the Registrar General is of home population including armed forces stationed in the district. The figure for mid-1959 is 760 more than that for mid-1958 because of the new building taking place in the district. The home population figure is used to calculate the crude birth and death rates and this is multiplied by a factor provided by the Registrar General to arrive at the standardised rates. This factor allows for the age and sex distribution of the population and enables a fairer comparison to be made between one district and another.

BIRTHS

	<u>1959</u>			<u>1958</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births (legitimate)	124	97	221	179	
(illegitimate)	4	5	9	9	
	128	102	230	188	
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Still Births (legitimate)	3	4	7	5	
(illegitimate)	0	0	0	1	
	3	4	7	6	
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

INFANTILE MORTALITYDeaths of Infants under 1 year

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	6	9
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	3	7	10
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks

Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	2	2	4
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

Deaths of Infants under 1 week

Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	2	2	4
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

The ten infant deaths give an infant mortality rate higher than average. There were four deaths from pneumonia and meningitis and the other six were associated with congenital defects and prematurity.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - Nil.

The following table is included to show how the vital statistics compare with those during the past 28 years.

	Population	Total Live Births	Crude Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Crude Death Rate	Deaths of Infants Under 1 yr.	Cases of Maternal Mortality
Yearly Av. 1931-35	23,354	275	11.8	236	10.1	16	0.8
Yearly Av. 1936-40	9,304	151	16.2	115	12.3	7	1.5
Yearly Av. 1941-45	10,006	146	14.6	103	10.2	5	0.2
Yearly Av. 1946-50	10,614	162	15.2	112	10.5	5	0.6
Yearly Av. 1951-55	11,720	194	16.5	123	8.5	5	0
1956	11,400	190	16.6	124	10.3	2	0
1957	12,590	217	17.2	134	10.6	9	1
1958	11,730	188	16.0	114	9.7	6	0
1959	12,490	230	18.4	107	8.5	10	0

The drop in population and live births in 1958 reflected the closing of the Army Camp at High Legh together with the married quarters.

The increases in 1959 reflect the influx of population, mostly in the younger age groups, into Partington as a result of the growth of the Manchester Corporation overspill estate.

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR

1959 AND CAUSES1959

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total 1958</u>
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0	0	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0	2
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	1	1	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0	0
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung and Bronchus	2	0	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	1	1	0
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	1	1	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	4	7	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	1	1	0
Diabetes	0	0	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	7	18	16
Coronary disease, angina	5	4	9	16
Hypertension with Heart disease	0	1	1	3
Other heart diseases	3	8	11	15
Other circulatory diseases	4	2	6	4
Influenza	1	3	4	1
Pneumonia	2	4	6	8
Bronchitis	4	2	6	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	1	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0	0
Congenital malformations	0	0	0	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	11	17	12
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1	4	7
All other accidents	2	0	2	3
Suicide	1	1	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0	0
	<u>51</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>114</u>
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

COMMENTS ON THE CAUSES OF DEATH

Of the 107 deaths during the year 73 (68%) were persons over the age of 60 and 88 (82%) were over the age of 50. These proportions show very little change from those of the past two years when they were 70% and 81% respectively.

The major causes of death continue to be those conditions associated with advancing age, viz:- those attributed to malignant disease and those associated with degenerative conditions of the heart and circulatory system.

Of the 6 deaths due to accidents 4 were due to motor vehicle accidents the same proportion as in 1958.

Deaths in age groups are shown below.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year	4	6	10
1-10 years	0	0	0
11-20 "	1	0	1
21-30 "	0	0	0
31-40 "	0	2	2
41-50 "	2	4	6
51-60 "	6	9	15
61-70 "	15	6	21
71-80 "	12	15	27
81-90 "	11	11	22
91-100 "	0	3	3
	<u>51</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>107</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following table shows the cases of infectious disease, other than Tuberculosis notified during the year and classified in age groups:-

	All Ages	Under 1 Year	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	8	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	0
Measles	160	2	54	101	1	1	0	0	1
Pneumonia	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	11	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other Diseases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	185	5	63	111	2	3	0	0	1

TUBERCULOSIS

1. Number of cases recorded at 31st December,

	<u>1959</u>			<u>1958</u>		
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Children	11	2	13			
Males	30	2	32	22	2	24
Females	34	4	38	23	4	27
	75	8	83	45	6	51
	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>

2. Number of new cases notified during 1959 as compared with the previous year.

	<u>1959</u>			<u>1958</u>		
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Males	2	0	2	2	0	2
Females	1	0	1	1	0	1
	3	0	3	3	0	3
	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>	<u>====</u>

The increase in the number of cases of Tuberculosis is largely due to the transfer into this district of cases from the Manchester area. These are known cases already under supervision and control and as such mostly non-infectious in character.

There was one death of a person on the Tuberculosis Register during 1959, a male suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1949 and 1951

Sections 47 and 50

The department undertook the burial of a man whose body was found in a canal running through the district. He was a resident of Birmingham and no close relatives could be traced.

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES, AND SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements
of the National Health Service Act 1946.

1. Hospital Services

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

Local Hospitals - Administered by North West and Mid Cheshire Hospital Management Committee.

Secretary - Mr. F. Foden, Administrative Offices,
Altrincham Maternity Home, Sinderland Road,
Altrincham.

Hospitals serving this area:-

General Acute Cases - Cottage Hospital, Knutsford.

Altrincham General Hospital.

Denzell Convalescent Hospital, Bowdon.

General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.

Chest Clinic - St. Anne's Home, Woodville Road, Altrincham.

Ear, Nose and Throat - " " " " "

Infectious Diseases - Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.

A large number of cases from Bucklow are treated in the greater Manchester Area Hospitals.

11. General Practitioner and General Dental Services

Controlling Body - National Health Service Executive Council for Cheshire.
Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

111. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Service	}	Altrincham Divisional Health Committee.
2. Immunisation and Vaccination		
3. Care and After Care		
4. Home Help Service		
5. Junior Training Centre - Navigation Rd. Altrincham.	}	
6. Maternity and Child Welfare		
7. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing	}	County Council Health Committee.
8. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Pre-School Children.		
9. Mental Health Service - Senior Mental Welfare Officer Mr. W.H. Driver, 1 Claremont Road, Sale.		

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C., and Bucklow R.D.C., and includes members of those Authorities, members of the County Council, and co-opted members.

Divisional Medical Officer - D. Longbottom, Mountlands, The Mount, Altrincham.
(Tel. No. Altrincham 5323)

B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee - School Health Service, including School Dental Service.
2. Welfare Committee - Homeless, handicapped persons, provision for residential accommodation etc.,
County Welfare Officer - Mr. Evans, County Hall, Chester.
3. Children's Committee - Provides for the care of Deprived Children
i.e. children not under parental care.

Children's Officer for this area - Mr. Blades, County Offices,
Bexton Road, Knutsford.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

I am indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector for compiling the following section of the report in so far as it relates to matters under his administration.

VISITS

During the year a total of 1291 visits were made as follows:-

Housing.....	54	Rodent Control.....	16
Council House Tenancies.....	70	Drains, Cesspools, Watercourses.....	61
Overcrowding.....	5	Water Supplies, Swimming Baths.....	26
Movable Dwellings.....	95	Refuse Nuisances.....	12
Factories & Outworkers.....	36	Scavenging.....	257
Air Pollution.....	16	Dustbins and Closet Pails.....	14
Food Premises.....	21	Cesspool Emptying.....	9
Meat and Food Inspection.....	420	Sewer Connection & Conversions.....	47
Infectious Disease.....	4	Improvement Grants.....	40
Insect Pests.....	3	Miscellaneous.....	68
Slaughterhouses.....	17		

HOUSING

Defects and Nuisances

28 complaints were received and investigated and informal notices served in each case. They included:-

Defects of repair.....	12
Defective dustbins.....	7
Defective closet pails.....	3
Contaminated ditches.....	4
Defective house drains or septic tanks.....	5

Demolition and Closure

12 houses were represented for action under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 with the following results:-

Demolition Orders made.....	2
Closing Orders made.....	1
Undertakings not to use as houses accepted.....	8
Undertaking to repair accepted.....	1

In 1955 a programme for the clearance in 5 years of 78 unfit houses by individual action under the Housing Act 1936 was submitted to the Minister. A further 35 houses have been inspected in the meantime and found to be unfit.

At 31st December, 1959, 74 unfit houses had been represented for action and a further 9 had been dealt with informally with the following results:-

No. of houses demolished.....	18
No. of houses closed.....	22
No. of houses made fit.....	5
No. of houses vacant and under repair.....	1
No. of houses still occupied.....	<u>37</u>

83

The 37 unfit houses still occupied included the following:-

Houses subject to demolition orders.....	1
Houses purchased by the Council for deferred demolition...	7
Houses in proposed clearance area.....	5
Houses subject to undertakings not to use on vacation....	24

A further 19 houses remained to be dealt with so that 56 families were known to be living in unfit houses at the end of the year. The Council have no immediate plans for building houses for these families.

Overcrowding

Two overcrowded families were rehoused during the year and one other case which was investigated where a large family were living in a single caravan, was the subject of a statutory notice and the overcrowding was alleviated by the occupier using a second van.

Certificates of Disrepair

Two applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair but in each case an undertaking to carry out repairs was given by the landlord and no certificates were issued.

Improvement Grants

The Engineer and Surveyor deals with all applications for Discretionary and Standard Grants but the Chief Public Health Inspector advises as to the suitability of houses for grant aid and indicates in each case the defects of repair needed to be remedied to meet the conditions of the Grant.

During the year Improvement Grants totalling £5,336 were approved in respect of 16 houses and Standard Grants were approved in respect of 5 houses to a total of £485.

New Houses

Built by Manchester Corporation.....	417
Built by Private Enterprise.....	31

No new houses were built by the Council.

Council Houses

The Council own 739 dwellings made up as follows:-

	<u>Pre-1939</u>	<u>Post-1939</u>
Four bedoomed houses.....	11	41
Three bedoomed houses.....	92	537
Two bedoomed houses.....	-	1
Two bedoomed bungalows - brick.....	-	30
Two bedoomed bungalows - prefabricated	-	27
	<hr/> 103	<hr/> 636
	<hr/>	<hr/>

In addition 7 unfit houses at Mobberley were purchased for deferred demolition.

At Partington where 230 dwellings have been completed by the Council since 1946, 36 are let to persons employed at the Carrington Power Station and 106 to overspill tenants nominated by Manchester Corporation (10); Stretford Corporation (58); and Salford Corporation (38).

The dwellings erected at Partington by Manchester Corporation are part of an estate of approximately 1,250 dwellings of various types. 494 dwellings had been erected by 31st December.

Letting of Council Houses

The letting of the Council's houses is the responsibility of the Housing Tenancy Committee and the Chief Public Health Inspector is responsible for the administrative work involved and also for certain other aspects of management such as the taking in of lodgers.

During the year 35 new tenancies were created, 4 of which were of new houses and 4 the result of transfers of tenants to other houses. 4 exchanges with tenants of other authorities were agreed to.

The list of applicants for houses remained almost constant at a little over 200.

Movable Dwellings

Caravans and other movable dwellings continue to involve much work but there was a general improvement in the conditions on the various sites in spite of an increase in their number. It can be said that the erection of fresh shed dwellings or 'bungalows' has completely stopped.

The standard conditions now applicable to all licences for residential caravan sites have enabled such sites to be considerably improved.

At the end of the year, outside Pickmere, there were 9 sites licensed for a total of 168 residential caravans and two for a total of 49 recreational caravans. Two further sites for which no licences are in force were causing some concern but a clarification of the position with regard to planning permission was being awaited. Apart from the licensed sites 47 movable dwellings on 26 sites were licensed individually at the end of the year.

At Pickmere one 'bungalow' and one dilapidated caravan were demolished following demolition orders and a further demolition order was made on a bungalow in January, 1960.

In 1952 there were 342 temporary buildings and movable dwellings of all kinds around that part of Pickmere Lake which is within the Council's district of which 280 were of a type or in a condition which might have enabled the Council to secure their removal or demolition. By the end of 1959 well over half these structures had been removed or demolished and action was in hand to secure the removal of still more of them. Where replacements have been permitted these have been modern trailer caravans.

WATER SUPPLY

The Engineer and Surveyor has furnished the following information with regard to water supplies in the district:-

Mains water is supplied by various authorities, viz:-

<u>PARISHES SUPPLIED</u>	
Agden)
Aston by Budworth)
Bollington)
High Legh)
Mere (part))
Millington)
Ollerton)
Peover Superior) Bucklow Rural District Council.
Peover Inferior)
Pickmere)
Plumley)
Rostherne)
Tabley Superior)
Tabley Inferior)
Toft.)
Ashley)
Carrington)
Dunham Massey) Manchester Corporation.
Partington)
Ringway)
Little Warford)
Marthall) Stockport Corporation.
Mobberley)
Warburton) Lymm Urban District Council
Mere (part)) Knutsford Light & Water Co.,
Tatton) Private Estate Supply.

The estimated population supplied from public mains is 12,354.

No major extensions to mains were made but 300 yards of main were laid at a private housing site at Plumley. The new water tower at Ollerton was completed early in the year.

Although there was some danger of supplies from Stockport being curtailed towards the end of the long summer, supplies were in fact maintained and continued to be adequate throughout the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Work commenced on the sewerage scheme at Peover Superior and efforts were continued to secure the conversion of all pail closets and ash pits remaining at Partington.

By the end of the year 7 privy middens remained, 4 of which served unfit houses scheduled for clearance and 2 served unoccupied houses. 26 houses in the village were still served by pail closets but 18 of these were at unfit houses scheduled for clearance.

Elsewhere conversions of closets with the aid of Improvement Grants continued to reduce the number of pails cleared weekly by the cesspool emptier allowing a gradual increase in the time available for cesspool emptying.

An alternative disposal point became available and this, coupled with the long dry summer, enabled a total of 130 tanks to be cleared, an increase of 21 over the previous year. The number of loads removed however, was considerably more than the previous year and the income from this work amounted to £409.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

In August a Fore and Aft Tipping Freighter adapted for bulk loading of refuse in large containers was purchased and the oldest Ford Freighter disposed of. The fleet now consists of four large freighters (3 S.D. Fore & Aft Tippers and 1 Dennis Paxit) and a 7 cubic yard side loading Ford Freighter in addition to the S.D. Cesspool Emptier.

The purchase of the additional vehicle enabled the existing staff to cope with the new dwellings erected at Partington and elsewhere and the provision of bulk containers at Manchester Airport resulted in only four collections weekly being necessary there instead of six as in previous winters and seven during the summer months. The number of containers was to be increased in 1960 and it was hoped to introduce them at other premises using large numbers of dustbins.

One vehicle continues to stand out in all weathers since the Depot is totally inadequate and although consent for the erection of a new Depot at Partington was obtained it will be some time before this can be completed.

The Ferguson tractor enabled the tips to be kept in reasonable order but it is really too light for the work and when some 4,000 cubic yards of soil became available at Partington for the tip at Agden, plant had to be hired to load it in addition to transport.

Weekly pail closet emptying was maintained and approximately 1,000 closets were collected, mostly with the cesspool emptier. Composting of nightsoil continued satisfactorily on a central site and also at a farm where facilities were provided by a farmer.

Milk Distributors

The rural district is a specified area in which the only milk permitted to be sold by retail must be Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised.

Most of the district is supplied by large firms with dairies outside the district but there is one pasteurising dairy within the district.

One new distributor was registered bringing the number of distributors with premises in the district to 5. Under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 distributors operating from outside are no longer registered.

Designated Milk

18 dealers licences and 47 supplementary licences to use special designations were issued as follows:-

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Dealers' Licences</u>	<u>Supplementary Licences</u>
Pasteurised	7	16
Sterilised	4	12
Tuberculin Tested	7	19

Tuberculous Milk

The County Medical Officer notified 3 cases where positive biological tests for tuberculosis had been obtained from samples of milk taken at dairy farms in the district. In all cases enquiries revealed that the milk was being sold wholesale to large pasteurising establishments in neighbouring towns. In one other case the milk was positive to Brucella Abortus.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are six private slaughterhouses in the district at widely separated points and at two, Saturday afternoon slaughter is a regular feature. 100% inspection was maintained.

The number of animals inspected and the number affected with disease are shown in the table overleaf. There was a decrease as compared with 1958 in the numbers slaughtered in all categories.

There was a slight increase (1.4%) in the percentage of heifers and bullocks affected with Tuberculosis but a further decrease (16.4%) in the number of cows affected. This decrease reflects the growing number of attested herds in the County and the dramatic reduction of Tuberculosis in dairy cattle.

Routine inspection for *Cysticercus Bovis* revealed 4 cases as against 6 in 1958 and the butchers co-operated in sending the carcases into cold storage for 21 days.

Work was commenced on the Slaughterhouses Report to be submitted to the Minister and a meeting of representatives of 7 neighbouring local authorities to discuss this matter was held in December.

Indications were that only two of the six slaughterhouses would be improved to comply with the new Construction Regulations and it was decided to suggest 1st July, 1961 as the date on which these Regulations should operate in the district. It is expected that the other four slaughterhouses will cease to operate on that date.

The Regulations should result in a much improved standard of hygiene and make the work of meat inspection easier, if only by improvements in lighting.

Small consignments of fresh Kosher beef, lamb and offals continued to arrive weekly from Dublin at Manchester Airport and 347 forequarters of beef, 113 double forequarters of mutton and 105 boxes of offals were inspected. Other foods inspected at intervals included Salami and other sausages and mushrooms. A small consignment of Polish sausage which was not accompanied by an official certificate was destroyed after surrender by the importer.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	549	166	23	2,273	712
Number inspected	549	166	23	2,273	712
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticerci.</u> Whole carcases condemned	-	3	2	3	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	241	100	-	118	58
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	44.0	62.0	9.0	5.3	8.2
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	52	3	-	-	14
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	9.4	1.8	-	-	1.9
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

ICE CREAM

There is only one manufacturer of ice cream in the district where a complete cold mix is used. The premises were maintained in a satisfactory condition.

22 premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream.

FOOD PREMISES

There are 119 food premises in the district in the following categories:-

<u>Shops</u>	General Grocers	28
	Butchers	4
	Bakers	2 (both are also grocers)
	Fish Friers	2
	Greengrocers	2 (both also greengrocers & one a general grocer)
	Confectioners	3
<u>Canteens</u>	Factories	8
	Institutions	3
	Day Schools (meals cooked)	1
	Day Schools (meals served only)	12
<u>Caterers</u>	Cafes and Snack Bars	15
	Inns & Licensed Clubs (Snacks)	23
	Hotels & Club Restaurants	16

Inspections were made of 21 food premises during the year and on the whole the standard of food hygiene was found to be high although in a few cases the structural condition of the premises was unsatisfactory. Most traders have co-operated well in meeting the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955. The time devoted to this work was less than is desirable due to pressure of other duties.

SWIMMING BATHS

There is only one public swimming bath in the district. This is an open-air bath used only in the summer. No contravention of the byelaws was found and six samples of the water proved satisfactory in spite of the excessively heavy usage during the unusually hot summer. The water is obtained direct from the mains and a chlorination plant is used.

PET SHOPS

Two premises are licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951. One is a kennels and the other a bird, fish and small animals dealer.

AIR POLLUTION

Most of the district is rural in character but the industrial and residential development in the parishes of Carrington and Partington do present serious air pollution problems.

Owing to pressure of other work no progress could be made with the survey necessary as a preliminary to the declaration of a smoke control area in Partington.

The Council are represented on the Manchester and District Regional Clean Air Council and on a Joint Conference of 7 local authorities in Lancashire and Cheshire which undertakes a study of air pollution in the area to the south west of Manchester. The decision to exchange details of proposed smoke control areas in the districts of the 7 local authorities is expected to lead to fruitful results.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS 1933-1954.

23 renewal licences were issued authorising the holders to slaughter or stun animals in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard.

RODENT CONTROL

In April a full time Rodent Operator was appointed and provided with a van. Previous to this the work had temporarily been undertaken part time by the Scavenging Foreman. A visit was paid to almost every farm in the district but the response to offers of contracts was disappointing, only nine new contracts being entered into. Ten of the 14 earlier contracts were renewed.

A private Operator continues to service a fair number of farms but the majority of farmers prefer to carry out their own treatments or to accept the Council's services as required.

The following table shows the work done during the year, the figures being actual inspections and treatments, including re-inspections and secondary treatments.

Type of Property	Local Authority	Private	Agricultural	Business & Other	Total
Inspections made following complaint	-	112	16	28	156
Inspections made in routine surveys.	108	96	609	71	884
Major Rat Infestations found	1	1	3	-	5
Minor Rat Infestations found	39	99	58	27	223
Major Mice Infestations found	1	36	22	15	74
Treatments carried out	39	134	58	30	261

All 20 sewer systems were test baited and takes recorded at Mobberley and Partington where successful treatments were later carried out.

FACTORIES

The following table, which is in the form requested by the Minister, gives the details required of action in connection with factories.

Much time was again devoted to the preparation of certificates of adequate means of escape in case of fire. Three former certificates were amended and re-issued and three new certificates were prepared. In the case of one large refinery this work occupied the whole year.

